

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: G BLOCH et al.

Confirmation No. 4962

Application No. 09/820,562

Group Art Unit. 1771

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Examiner. D. Zirker

For: PRESSURE-SENSITIVE PAPER-
PLASTIC FILM LAMINATE TAPE

Attorney Docket No.: 82017-3700

RULE 132 DECLARATION OF ARNOLD B. FINESTONE, PH.D.

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Sir:

1. I am a US citizen residing at 2400 Presidential Way, West Palm Beach, Florida. I have a Ph D. in Polymer Chemistry and over 35 years experience in the field of plastic film products with special experience in paper-plastic lamination for over 15 years. I am submitting this declaration as opinion evidence of what is known by a skilled artisan in this field.

2 The present application relates to a paper-plastic film laminate comprising. a paper layer, a water-impermeable oriented plastic film layer having a first corona-discharge treated surface, which is adhesively cold laminated to the paper layer to form a paper-plastic film laminate having first and second opposed outer surfaces, and an adhesive coating on one of said first and said second outer surfaces, said adhesive coating exposed for use in adhering the paper-plastic film laminate to the various articles, wherein the plastic film layer has a strength sufficient to allow the film to be stripped or removed in one piece from an article to which the laminate is adhered.

3. The Examiner believes that there is no objective evidence in the application as to what "cold lamination" is. As a skilled artisan, I strongly disagree with that comment